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**Subject:** Conference Call July 31 at 9.00 a.m.

I confirm our follow up conference call at 9.00 am your time today.

I have prepared some information to help the discussions and I am presenting it in this e-mail to help you digest it before the meeting.

The design flow margin is 0%.

The manufacturing tolerances on design nominal guide blade throat areas are:

stage 1            +2% to -0%  
stages 2 - 8      +2% to -2%

3. The measured throat areas on Unit 2 HP cylinder compared with design nominal guide blade throat areas for Unit 2 are:

→ stage 1            +0.61%  
stage 2            +0.15%  
stage 3            +0.19%  
stage 4            +0.51%  
stage 5            +0.42%  
stage 6            +0.57%  
stage 7            +0.33%  
stage 8            +0.16%

*.32 higher flow*

*Diagram (guide blades)*

*Reflecting*

*(relatively small impact on flow)*

4. We have calculated the effect of these variations in guide blade throat areas on cylinder flow capacity and an increase of 0.3% would be expected. In interpreting a 'rate of exchange' it should be realised that stage 1 throat area has the greatest effect on capacity and stage 8 the least.

5. Factors other than guide blade throat area will affect flow capacity. However, our experience shows that we expect to achieve the design flow capacity within a tolerance of +1% -0% including the effects of manufacturing variations.

Regards

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